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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 13 wherein X is chlorine.
3. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 13 wherein n is 1.
4. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 13 wherein Y is haloalkyl.
5. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 4 wherein Y is trifluoromethyl.
6. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 13 wherein X is chlorine, n is 1 and Y is trifluoromethyl.
7. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 6 wherein the compound of general formula (I) is 2-aminomethyl-3-chloro-5-trifluoromethylpyridine.

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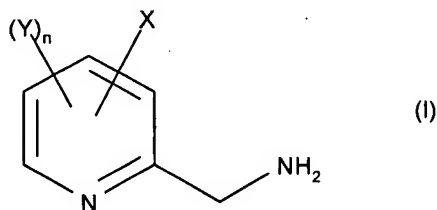
8. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 13 wherein the temperature is in the range of from 35 to 50° C.

9 - 10 (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 13 wherein the Raney nickel is introduced in a weight ratio of from 1 to 20% with respect to compound of general formula (II).

12. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 7 wherein the temperature is chosen from 35 to 50° C. and the pressure of hydrogen is chosen from 10 to 20 bar and Raney nickel is introduced in a weight ratio of from 1 to 20% with respect to the compound of general formula (II).

13. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a 2-aminomethylpyridine derivative of general formula (I)



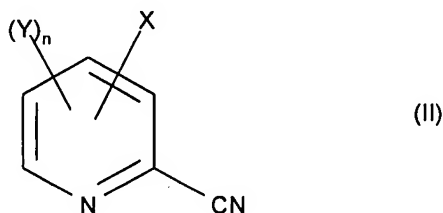
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wherein

n represents 0, 1, 2 or 3,

X is a halogen atom,

each Y, which may be the same or different, is selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, halogenoalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, and alkylsulphonyl, or a salt thereof;
comprising hydrogenating a 2-cyanopyridine derivative of general formula (II):



in which n, X, and Y are as described above,

in acetic acid using Raney nickel, at a temperature of from 30°C to 70°C, under a hydrogen pressure of from ~~1 to 50~~ 10 to 20 bar.

14. (New) A process for the preparation of 2-aminomethyl-3-chloro-5-trifluoromethylpyridine comprising hydrogenating 3-chloro-2-cyano-5-trifluoromethylpyridine in acetic acid using Raney nickel introduced in a weight ratio of from 1 to 20% with respect to the 3-chloro-2-cyano-5-trifluoromethylpyridine, at a temperature of from 40 to 50°C, under a hydrogen pressure of from 15 to 20 bar.